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Associate Professor Eric Christiansen teaches Constitutional Law and has published widely on constitutional legal issues. He is one of two Golden Gate University Law School professors to sign an amicus brief that was submitted to the California Supreme Court concerning the challenge to Proposition 8. As a gay man married in California earlier this year, Professor Christiansen has a unique perspective on the legal and civil rights implications of the ruling. Christiansen can be reached at his office at 415-369-5338 or on his cell phone at 415-710-1679. He will be leading a teach-in on the ruling on campus this Friday, May 29.

Professor and Dean Emeritus Peter Keane is a frequent media commentator on legal issues, particularly pertaining to California law and policy. He served as chief assistant public defender in the San Francisco Public Defender's Office for nearly two decades and is a former member of the San Francisco Police Commission, former vice president of the State Bar of California, and former president of the Bar Association of San Francisco. He authored California's Proposition 190, which amended the California Constitution and reformed the State Commission on Judicial Performance. His courses include Criminal Law, Evidence, Constitutional Law, and Professional Responsibility. He can be reached at his office at 415-442-6610 or on his cell phone at 415-350-0626. Professor Keane was interviewed this morning on NBC-TV for interviews scheduled to air tonight at 5 and 6 pm PST.

Golden Gate Law School has been the site of many presentations on the legal issues surrounding Proposition 8, and earlier this year, the attorneys who challenged Proposition 8 before the California Supreme Court rehearsed their oral arguments on campus as part of the Law School's unique "Moot Court for Practicing Lawyers."

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